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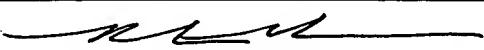
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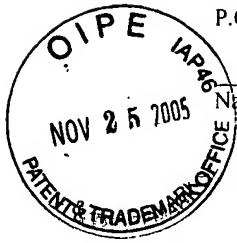
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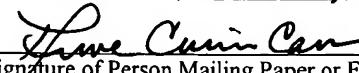
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: SELBY et al.

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For: ENHANCED REPLICATION OF HCV RNA

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Sir:

This paper is presented in response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 3, 2005, with a shortened statutory period of one month for response. Accordingly this response is timely filed.

The Examiner required election of one of the following groups of claims:

Group I. Claims 11-31, drawn to a method of generating a cell and a cell comprising a sub-genomic viral replicon¹;

Group II. Claims 32-39, drawn to a method for screening a compound that inhibits viral replication.

¹ Applicants note claims 1-10 were not included in either of Groups I or II. Applicants assume the Examiner intended to include claims 1-10 in Group I as all of these claims are directed to methods of generating a cell comprising a sub-genomic viral replicon.

The Office is requiring applicants to choose one of the following:

- (A) A cell comprising an HCV sub-genomic virus;
- (B) A cell comprising a Sindbis virus sub-genomic virus;
- (C) A cell comprising a poliovirus sub-genomic virus; and
- (D) A cell comprising a BVDV sub-genomic virus.

The Office is also requiring applicants to choose one of the following:

- (i) A cell expressing a dominant negative PKR;
- (ii) A cell comprising at least one copy mutation of endogenous PKR gene;
- (iii) A cell expressing p58^{IPK} protein;
- (iv) A cell disabled by adding 5-amino purine;
- (v) A cell expressing HCV E2;
- (vi) A cell using PKR antisense.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, (A), (i). The claims reading on these elections are claims 1-4, 10, 11, 15, 16, 20, 21 and 27-31. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 USC §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

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